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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

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BACKGROUND ART INFORMATION

TOSHIBA

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Japanese Patent Disclosure (KOKAI) H11-119225 1999/4/30

★ CONCISE EXPLANATION

The alignment layer whose surface energy is 50 mN/m or less, surely include polycarbonate.

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INVENTOR'S INFORMATION

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